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**“ My Life is My Message ”**



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CELEBRATING  
THE MAHATMA**



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## Filling of the Vacuum

"Once I am gone, no single person will be able to represent me completely. But a little bit of me will live in many of you. **\*If each puts the cause first and himself last, the vacuum will be a large extent is filled.\*** " - Gandhi

Gandhi died for unflinching adherence to his belief in equality of mankind irrespective of religion, caste, sex, or place of origin. It is beyond doubt that he left a little of himself in many of us. This is the reason that, Indian democracy has survived and flourished so far inspite of many circumstances being contrary; while almost all nations around us were marooned in the quagmire of bloodshed and dictatorships.

Gandhi's quotes are like prescriptions of a Homeopath which cure the illness from its roots, but require long period and perseverance.

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This booklet is a small step to remind our students and youth about the necessity of Gandhian Thoughts.

Yes, **one man like the Mahatma can Make A Difference.**

**Bharat Mata Ki Jai. Jai Hind.**

## **GANDHI'S QUOTES**

1. Prayer is a confession of one's own unworthiness and weakness.
2. In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.
3. Close the day with prayer so that you may have a peaceful night, free from dreams and nightmares.
4. Prayer needs no speech. It is in itself independent of any sensuous effort.
5. As food is necessary for the body, prayer is necessary for the soul.
6. Prayer is not an old woman's idle amusement.
7. Prayer is for remembering God and for purifying the heart.
8. Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness.
9. Hypocrisy and distortion are passing currents under the name of religion.
10. An unjust law is itself a species of violence. Arrest for its breach is more so.
11. To safeguard democracy the people must have a keen sense of independence, self-respect, and their oneness.

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12. A good person will resist an evil system with his whole soul.
13. Disobedience of the laws of an evil state is therefore a duty.
14. Terrorism and deception are weapons not of the strong, but of the weak.
15. Corruption and hypocrisy ought not to be inevitable products of democracy, as they undoubtedly are today.
16. Civil disobedience becomes a sacred duty when the state becomes lawless or corrupt.
17. Good government is no substitute for self-government.
18. The Swaraj of my dream recognizes no race or religious distinctions.
19. Change yourself – you are in control.
20. Distinguish between real needs and artificial wants and control the latter.
21. A man who would interpret the scriptures must have the spiritual discipline.
22. Man is oftentimes weak-minded enough to be caught in the snare of greed and honeyed words.

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23. Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth.
24. Moral authority is never retained by any attempt to hold on to it.
25. An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.
26. Every home is a university and the parents are the teachers.
27. A wise parent allows the children to make mistakes. It is good for them once in a while to burn their fingers.
28. The good man is the friend of all living things.
29. Poverty is the worst form of violence.
30. Violence is a concession to human weakness, satyagraha is an obligation.
31. The future depends on what you do today.
32. Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.
33. Live as if you were to die tomorrow.  
Learn as if you were to live forever.
34. Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

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35. Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.
36. Relationships are based on four principles: respect, understanding, acceptance, and appreciation.
37. Silence is the best answer to anger.
38. You can't change how people treat you or what they say about you. All you can do is change, how you react to it.
39. You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.
40. To lose patience is to lose the battle.
41. Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong.
42. If we want to reach real peace in this world, we should start educating children.
43. The good man is the friend of all living things.
44. Our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world as being able to remake ourselves.

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45. First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win.
46. A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.
47. Without action, you are not going anywhere.
48. Love never claims; it ever gives.
49. Where there is love there is life.
50. It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.
51. A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes.
52. The best way to find yourself is, to lose yourself in the service of others.
53. You must be the change you wish to see in the world.
54. A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.
55. Persistent questioning and healthy inquisitiveness are the first requisite for acquiring learning of any kind.

56. Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment, full effort is full victory.
57. Action expresses priorities.
58. The essence of all religions is one. Only their approaches are different.
59. Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding.
60. Morality is the basis of things and truth is the substance of all morality.
61. Gentleness, self-sacrifice and generosity are the exclusive possession of no one race or religion.
62. There is a sufficiency in the world for man's need but not for man's greed.
63. Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it.
64. The greatness of humanity is not in being human, but in being humane.
65. Glory lies in the attempt to reach ones goal and not in reaching it.
66. Those who know now how to think need no teachers.
67. In a gentle way, you can shake the world.
68. Hate the sin, love the sinner.



69. Basic education links the children, whether of the cities or the villages, to all that is best and lasting in India.
70. An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind.
71. Nothing feels better than a surprise text from that person you miss.
72. A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.
73. To lose patience is to lose the battle.
74. Truth without humility would be an arrogant caricature.
75. Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress.
76. The real ornament of woman is her character, her purity.
77. Man should forget his anger before he lies down to sleep.
78. Service without humility is selfishness and egotism.
79. It is the quality of our work which will please God and not the quantity.
80. When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier.

81. Nobody can hurt me without my permission.
82. The only tyrant I accept in this world is the still voice within.
83. The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.
84. The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.
85. Faith is not something to grasp, it is a state to grow into.
86. There is more to life than increasing its speed.
87. Where there is love there is life.
88. Truth is one, paths are many.
89. Self-respect knows no considerations.
90. The enemy is fear. We think it is hate; but, it is fear.
91. In doing something, do it with love or never do it at all.
92. Commonsense is the realized sense of proportion.
93. The future depends on what you do today.
94. Doubt is invariably the result of want or weakness of faith.

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95. God has no religion.
96. True beauty consists of purity of heart.
97. Find purpose. The means will follow.
98. There is no way to peace, there is only peace.
99. Healthy discontent is the prelude to progress.
100. Imitation is the sincerest flattery.
101. Fear has its use but cowardice has none.
102. Peace is its own reward.
103. Full effort is full victory.
104. Speak only if it improves upon the silence.
105. Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err.
106. There is no principle worth the name if it is not wholly good.
107. Nothing has saddened me so much in life as the hardness of heart of educated people.
108. A weak man is just by accident. A strong but nonviolent man is unjust by accident.
109. Rights that do not flow from duty well performed are not worth having.

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110. If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide.
111. Anger is the enemy of nonviolence and pride is a monster that swallows it up.
112. If you take care of your immediate surroundings, the universe will take care of itself.
113. A man of few words will rarely be thoughtless in his speech; he will measure every word.
114. Seek not greater wealth, but simpler pleasure; not higher fortune, but deeper felicity.
115. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he has done to his fellow men.
116. Forgiveness is choosing to love. It is the first skill of self-giving love.
117. Love is the strongest force the world possesses and yet it is the humblest imaginable.
118. Intolerance betrays want of faith in ones cause.

119. Civilization is the encouragement of differences.
120. Nonviolence is impossible without humility.
121. To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.
122. Truth never damages a cause that is just.
123. A man of truth must also be a man of care.
124. In judging myself I shall try to be as harsh as truth, as I want others also to be.
125. Morality is the basis of things and truth is the substance of all morality.
126. The pursuit of truth does not permit violence on ones opponent.
127. It has often occurred to me that a seeker after  
Truth has to be silent.
128. In the midst of death life persists.
129. A courageous man prefers death to the surrender of self-respect.
130. You don't know who is important to you until you actually lose them.

131. The wise are unaffected either by death or life. These are but faces of the same coin.
132. To die in the act of killing is, in essence, to die defeated.
133. What is imprisonment to the man, who is fearless of death itself?
134. If you want real peace in the world, start with the children.
135. Unity to be real; must stand the severest strain without breaking.
136. The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace.
137. The golden way is to be friends with the world and to regard the whole human family as one.
138. There is no occasion for women to consider themselves subordinate or inferior to men.
139. Justice that love gives is surrender; justice that law gives is a punishment.
140. The seeker after truth should be humbler than the dust.
141. Woman is the companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacity.

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- 142. We win justice quickest by rendering justice to the other party.
- 143. No culture can live, if it attempts to be exclusive.
- 144. Nonviolence and truth are inseparable and presuppose one another.
- 145. Every affliction has its own rich lesson to teach, if we would learn it.
- 146. The principle of ahimsa is hurt by every evil thought, by undue haste, by lying, by hatred, by wishing ill to anybody.
- 147. Even a bloody way is better than utter helplessness and unmanliness.
- 148. The Vedas are as indefinable as God and Hinduism.
- 149. Service which is rendered without joy helps neither the servant nor the served.
- 150. Mankind is notoriously too dense to read the signs, that God sends from time to time.

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**7 Seven deadly SINS according to  
Mahatma Gandhi  
(Not only Useless but positively dangerous)**

- 1. Wealth without work.**
- 2. Pleasure without conscience.**
- 3. Education without character.**
- 4. Commerce without morality.**
- 5. Science without Humanity.**
- 6. Religion without sacrifice.**
- 7. Politics without principles.**



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